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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE** 

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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2002, having a reply due date of December 24, 2002. The Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time in which to file this response in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), and submits herewith a check in the amount of \$55 for payment of the small-entity fee therefor under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1). Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

## In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-28 and replace them with the following new claims:

29. (New) A fastener adapted for use in forming a mandibular splint having a first arch member and a second arch member for treating a person suffering from a sleep disorder, the first arch member having a first extension member and a second extension member, such that the fastener interconnects the first and second extension members to form the first arch member, the fastener including:

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